



Sunday, April 11, 2021  
The Second Sunday of Easter  
Service for the Lord's Day: Worshiping Together Online



SERMON  
**Wait. What?**  
**John 20:19-31**

Ed de Guzman, artist

# Gathering Around the Word

## Prelude

*Prelude on KEDRON (from Southern Harmony)*

arr. Wilbur Held

Vicki Fey, organ

*Christ is Risen, Shout Hosanna*

Timothy Albrecht

Vicki Fey, organ

## Welcome and Announcements

## Call to Worship

Christian Antwi

Do not be afraid,

**Jesus is the first and the last,**

and the living one.

**He was dead, and behold,**

He is alive for forever and ever.

**Because he lives, we also will live.**

Jesus Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed!**

## Prayer of Adoration

## Hymn No. 256

*These Things Did Thomas Count as Real*

KEDRON

*Jennifer Sengin, Tricia Berrett, Xieyi (Abby) Zhang, Trace Haythorn, vocals*

*Vicki Fey, keyboard*

**These things did Thomas count as real:  
the warmth of blood, the chill of steel,  
the grain of wood, the heft of stone,  
the last frail twitch of blood and bone.**

**The vision of his skeptic mind  
was keen enough to make him blind  
to any unexpected act  
too large for his small world of fact.**

**His reasoned certainties denied  
that one could live when one had died,  
until his fingers read like Braille  
the markings of the spear and nail.**

**May we, O God, by grace believe  
and thus the risen Christ receive,  
whose raw imprinted hands reached out  
and beckoned Thomas from his doubt.**

## Call to Confession

Jasiel Hernandez

## Prayer of Confession

Holy God,

we open our hearts to you this day,  
and offer the truth of our lives:

The fear that stifles us,

The prejudice that blinds us,

The ignorance that hobbles us,  
The doubt that plagues us.  
Restore us, we pray, that we will  
find courage in your grace,  
experience the world with a new hope,  
move to those places where love is needed,  
And have faith that you are with us.  
This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

## Assurance of Pardon

## Passing of the Peace

Hymn No. 441, Stanza 2

*Hear the Good News of Salvation*  
Jennifer Sengin, vocals; Vicki Fey, keyboard

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All the sins I have committed,  
to my Savior now I bring.  
I bow down with tears of anguish;  
Christ forgives and so I sing:  
Jesus Christ, how much I love you!  
Jesus Christ, you save from sin!  
How I love you! Look upon me.  
Love me still and cleanse within.

## Proclaiming the Word

A Time With Children

Hope Bradford

Scripture

John 20:19-31

Mary Kate McAlister

Sermon

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## Responding to the Word

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;  
He descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost,  
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
And the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Peter Paulsen

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.  
Amen.

## Bearing and Following the Word Into the World

Hymn No. 248

*Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna*  
Jennifer Sengin, Trace Haythorn, vocals  
Vicki Fey, keyboard

HYMN TO JOY

Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna!  
Celebrate this day of days!  
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder:  
all creation is amazed.  
In the desert all-surrounding,  
see, a spreading tree has grown.  
Healing leaves of grace abounding  
bring a taste of love unknown.

Christ is risen! Raise your spirits  
from the caverns of despair.  
Walk with gladness in the morning.  
See what love can do and dare.  
Drink the wine of resurrection,  
not a servant, but a friend.  
Jesus is our strong companion.  
Joy and peace shall never end.

Christ is risen! Earth and heaven  
nevermore shall be the same.  
Break the bread of new creation  
where the world is still in pain.  
Tell its grim, demonic chorus:  
"Christ is risen! Get you gone!"  
God the First and Last is with us.

Blessing and Benediction

Mary Kate McAlister

Postlude

*Lift High the Cross*  
Vicki Fey | organ

John Leavitt

## Participating in Worship Today

Peter Paulsen, Bridge Interim Pastor | Mary Kate McAlister, Pastoral Intern  
Jasiel Hernandez, Associate Pastor for Mission and Engagement  
Christian Antwi, Director, Ministries to Children, Youth, and Families  
Jennifer Sengin, Interim Choral Director | Vicki Fey, Organist

# 256 These Things Did Thomas Count as Real

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This 20th-century text provides a helpful corrective to a long history of negative attitudes toward Thomas for failing to believe the other disciples' report that Christ had risen. His fact-seeking "skeptical mind" sounds remarkably modern and makes him a more sympathetic figure.

# Hear the Good News of Salvation 441

*Wotanin waste nahon po*



1 Hear the good news of sal - va - tion: Je - sus died to show God's love.  
 2 All the sins I have com - mit - ted, to my Sav - ior now I bring.

1 Wo - tan - in wa - ste na - hon po, Je - sus he wa - i - hdu - sna:  
 2 Wo - a - hta - ni kin e - ca - mon, hdu - ha Je - sus si - ha en,



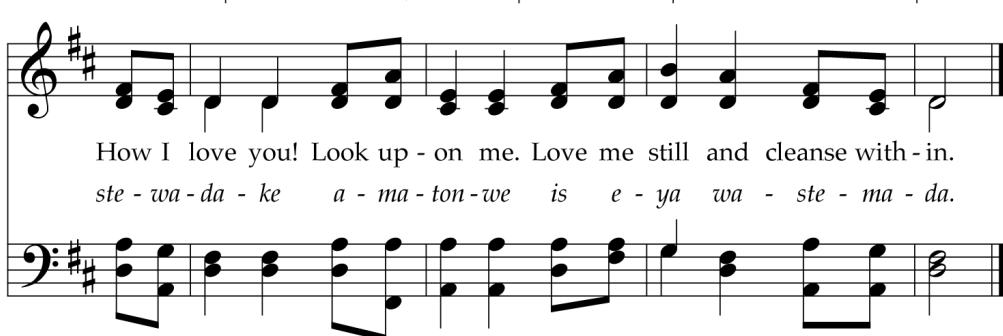
Such great kind - ness! Such great mer - cy! Come to us from heaven a - bove.  
 I bow down with tears of an - guish; Christ for - gives and so I sing:

to - wa - o - si - da kin tan - ka, he de - han i - yo - ma - hi.  
 kun i - wa - hpa - mda wa - ce - ya, Je - sus on - ši - ma - da ce.



Je - sus Christ, how much I love you! Je - sus Christ, you save from sin!

Je - sus Christ wa - ste - wa - da - ka, Je - sus Christ ni - ma - yan: han, wa -



How I love you! Look up - on me. Love me still and cleanse with - in.

ste - wa - da - ke a - ma - ton - we is e - ya wa - ste - ma - da.

This text, originally appearing in four stanzas, was written by the first Native American Dakota to be ordained to the Presbyterian ministry and was published in the Dakota hymnal he edited. Both the Dakota and English versions have been associated with this shape note tune.

TEXT: Native American (Dakota); John B. Renville, 1879; trans. Emma Tibbets, 1955; vers. Jane Parker Huber, 1989  
 MUSIC: Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part Second, 1813  
 English Trans. Metrical Version © 1989 Jane Parker Huber (admin. Westminster John Knox Press)

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# Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna! 248

1 Christ is ris - en! Shout Ho - san - na! Cel - e - brate this day of days!  
 2 Christ is ris - en! Raise your spir - its from the cav - erns of de - spair.  
 3 Christ is ris - en! Earth and heav - en nev - er - more shall be the same.

Christ is ris - en! Hush in won - der: all cre - a - tion is a - mazed.  
 Walk with glad - ness in the morn - ing. See what love can do and dare.  
 Break the bread of new cre - a - tion where the world is still in pain.

In the des - ert all - sur - round - ing, see, a spread - ing tree has grown.  
 Drink the wine of res - ur - rec - tion, not a ser - vant, but a friend.  
 Tell its grim, de - mon - ic cho - rus: "Christ is ris - en! Get you gone!"

Heal - ing leaves of grace a - bound - ing bring a taste of love un - known.  
 Je - sus is our strong com - pan - ion. Joy and peace shall nev - er end.  
 God the First and Last is with us. Sing Ho - san - na ev - ery - one!

In commenting on this late 20th-century text, the author has stressed his intention to affirm the social implications of an Easter faith: "Christian peace and justice action finds its wellspring, not in moral zeal or guilty conscience, but in the resurrection."

TEXT: Brian Wren, 1984  
 MUSIC: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824; adapt. Edward Hodges, 1842, alt.  
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